



## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MAY 1985

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Introduction**

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

**Seasonal adjustment**

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains a selection of original and seasonally adjusted historical data, in tabular and graphic form, the source for which are statistics appearing in the ABS's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

**Related publications**

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.80, \$4.60 incl. postage). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

**Symbols and other usages**

- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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# PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. k.Wh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<b>1983-84</b>															
March	10,491		33.6	9,354	9,556	35,294	37,365	539	520	471	442	37.9	33.6	208	197
April	7,915		24.6	8,796	9,477	33,181	36,521	468	503	408	427	26.7	31.8	152	183
May	11,837	22,793	29.2	10,072	9,625	40,797	36,447	543	517	503	459	39.5	32.8	152	165
June	10,840		45.7	10,174	9,379	42,335	36,043	532	521	462	446	31.3	30.5	181	194
<b>1984-85</b>															
July	11,305		41.9	11,308	9,755	46,095	36,456	565	522	482	453	37.9	33.2	194	190
August	11,788	22,580	39.7	10,726	9,624	42,394	36,793	535	506	503	475	40.6	34.0	231	192
September	11,019		38.3	9,789	9,874	41,307	39,380	534	572	471	472	35.8	34.9	175	144
October	12,981		40.3	9,722	9,729	38,541	39,545	546	547	488	470	37.6	33.2	199	160
November	12,247	22,560	39.1	9,356	9,832	36,452	39,224	494	523	553	514	38.1	33.0	228	191
December	7,292		38.8	9,227	9,933	33,538	41,092	552	560	427	440	29.4	34.9	151	152
January	8,581		35.6	9,384	10,249	31,802	38,957	511	497	330	500	11.8	34.3	88	210
February	8,207	22,360	35.1	8,806	9,840	32,702	38,885	451	488	444	457	31.5	32.8	193	204
March	11,504		41.4	9,860	10,137	36,119	38,073	537	524	477	451	35.6	33.1	195	189
April	n.y.a.		41.5	9,346	10,036	33,468	36,737	494	518	447	464	28.9	33.3	155	185
May	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	10,555	10,022	39,930	35,746	549	521	526	478	38.9	32.6	183	201

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

## PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS(a)															
Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers' receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—															
March	3,656	3,077	966	895	14,794	13,293	166	163	386.1	381	505	48,080	73.0		
April	2,565	2,841	746	819	11,628	12,960	144	157	387.9	313	507	32,685	74.8		
May	3,515	3,251	920	904	13,011	11,872	175	161	390.3	293	535	35,264	77.8	(e)35,244	(c)35,347
June	3,918	3,279	716	794	15,132	12,862	174	190	392.2	282	558	34,377	76.8		
1984-85—															
July	3,467	3,412	812	819	14,142	12,405	178	174	395.0	p344	p518	p43,405	p79.8		
August	3,169	2,646	866	846	14,695	12,979	171	165	397.0	p493	p489	p81,948	p81.7	36,424	36,237
September	3,462	3,046	811	868	14,109	13,443	155	147	398.2	p640	p483	p103,675	p81.2		
October	2,973	2,639	877	698	14,828	13,164	171	148	399.5	p768	p466	p126,692	p79.7		
November	3,186	3,084	1,083	862	14,216	12,885	p164	p161	399.7	p743	p487	p104,822	p76.8	36,951	37,042
December	2,767	3,423	623	762	10,845	13,600	p134	p153	400.9	p687	p499	p56,386	p76.6		
January	685	1,890	555	831	3,136	7,712	p153	p162	402.0	p599	p516	p48,862	p75.5		
February	2,766	2,920	976	898	12,840	13,477	p154	p161	p405.2	p437	p508	p45,175	p72.1	37,605	37,603
March	3,850	3,237	923	875	13,774	12,795	p183	p187	p408.2	p389	p518	p48,652	p74.8		
April	2,735	3,089	680	699	10,983	11,935	p171	p181	n.y.a.	p336	p536	p38,249	p79.3		
May	4,363	3,726	924	932	15,094	13,825	p199	p188	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (e) New series. Results of a sample survey which is subject to revision each year prior to the June quarter survey. For further information see paragraphs 4 and 5 of publication 5629.0.

# FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Exports f.o.b.		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
	Value of total exports	Value of total imports	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.					
	\$m	\$m	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1983-84—									
March	2,103	2,130			205		-727	393	12,241
April	1,990	1,649			205		-230	148	12,217
May	2,144	2,559	5,064	5,070	206	114.6	-1,074	989	12,297
June	2,473	2,253			209		-661	316	12,417
1984-85—									
July	2,446	2,471			213		-1,095	1,164	12,632
August	2,303	2,625	5,448	5,552	214	119.9	-962	1,206	12,618
September	2,544	2,158			214		-800	531	12,431
October	2,309	2,608			213		-1,176	936	12,024
November	2,535	2,454	5,352	5,535	211	119.6	-775	997	12,066
December	2,123	1,836			212		-862	680	12,058
January	2,211	2,373			214		-1,243	1,097	11,918
February	2,303	2,236	5,418	5,295	p224	n.y.a.	-614	279	13,115
March	2,283	2,870			p231		-781	419	13,130
April	2,915	2,428			n.y.a.		-472	199	13,988
May	2,938	3,082			n.y.a.		-1,059	1,350	14,041

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

# INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)									
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—										
March	3,641	3,675							42.8	40.7
April	3,457	3,701							34.7	39.1
May	3,807	3,688	5,450	5,607	3,538	3,549	1,802	1,308	46.2	41.0
June	3,540	3,703							42.9	40.9
1984-85—										
July	3,600	3,804							42.3	40.3
August	3,707	3,768	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	42.5	37.4
September	3,563	3,785							37.7	40.7
October	3,865	3,864							43.5	42.5
November	4,081	3,902	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	41.2	41.4
December	5,186	3,922							39.4	41.2
January	3,810	4,013							39.0	44.1
February	3,529	3,963	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43.5	47.5
March	3,849	3,987							48.8	48.4
April	3,846	3,986							42.3	45.4
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p49.0	p44.0

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory truck type vehicles and buses.

(b) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

(c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (%)		Award rates of pay indexes, adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index Year 1980-81 = 100 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1983-84—													
March			200.4										
April			202.4										
May	383.80	257.10	202.5	(b) 1.1	132.3	128.8	124.4	135.5	134.8	138.1	145.5	118.2	115.4
June			202.5										
1984-85—													
July			202.5										
August	386.20	256.20	202.6	1.06	134.0	131.6	124.9	137.9	136.2	139.7	147.5	118.2	116.7
September			202.6										
October			202.6										
November	389.50	255.10	202.6	1.22	135.9	133.5	128.1	140.2	137.6	140.9	150.5	120.8	116.9
December			202.6										
January			202.6										
February	392.70	260.10	202.7	1.22	137.8	134.9	128.4	142.2	139.7	143.4	152.4	123.1	119.5
March			202.7										
April			207.8										
May			n.y.a.										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

(b) New series. Result of sample from ABS register 1 for further details see *Overtime, Australia, February 1984* (6330.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m %c)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building(a)	Materials used in building other than house building(b)	New buildings and structures	Other new capital equipment
												Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—													
February	957.8	1,036.5	12.9	13.5	147.0	2,661.7	2,717.9	33.1	35.8	450.3	148.4	740.9	869.7
March	1,128.7	1,077.8	14.2	13.2	161.3					456.4	149.2		2,395.8
April	1,007.6	1,105.4	12.1	12.7	237.1					458.2	150.2		
May	1,308.9	1,125.8	15.8	13.7	326.1	3,588.6	3,546.5	38.0	37.6	462.0	150.9	907.6	885.2
June	1,121.3	1,080.9	13.2	13.2	212.5					465.1	151.5		3,146.8
1984-85—													
July	1,183.4	1,125.8	13.9	13.8	160.4					467.4	151.8		
August	1,239.9	1,144.2	15.1	14.3	190.2	p3,546.4	p3,369.5	p40.3	p38.4	469.5	152.2	867.7	863.3
September	1,007.0	1,054.3	12.4	12.6	156.5					471.5	152.8		2,767.1
October	1,216.4	1,119.6	14.0	12.7	165.2					474.7	153.5		
November	1,447.0	1,356.1	14.6	14.0	347.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	476.0	154.1	1,139.8	1,020.9
December	1,247.4	1,388.8	11.9	13.4	333.0					p477.1	154.5		3,069.4
January	983.1	1,193.3	11.6	13.9	151.8					p478.5	p154.9		2,922.2
February	1,143.4	1,290.8	12.3	13.5	162.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p481.7	p155.8	874.8	1,028.3
March	1,361.7	1,362.6	13.4	12.9	180.5					p486.8	p156.7		2,610.1
April	1,281.0	1,347.0	13.4	13.5	200.2					n.y.a.	p158.2		3,015.9

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0.

(b) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0.

(c) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies lenders (d)					
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
1983-84—												
March	33,899	33,724	33,414	32,994	25,836	26,129	600	368	155	12.70		4,381
April	33,255	33,784	33,764	33,505	26,596	26,339	516	324	133	12.45		6,488
May	33,745	34,075	33,707	33,795	26,569	26,268	635	374	152	12.55	731.5	6,114
June	34,328	34,246	33,749	34,358	26,444	26,541	567	300	136	12.20		5,052
1984-85—												
July	(f)34,077	(f)34,092	34,459	34,837	26,846	26,705	(g)590	(g)330	(g)117	12.10		4,241
August	34,286	34,409	35,105	35,245	26,927	27,013	678	336	117	11.15	1,457.8	4,799
September	34,650	34,830	35,562	35,686	27,390	27,421	630	285	112	11.85		3,875
October	34,982	35,161	35,713	35,603	28,212	27,865	784	315	128	12.10		4,129
November	35,079	35,282	36,139	35,897	28,202	28,098	745	334	111	12.50	459.2	4,638
December	36,078	35,715	37,062	36,798	28,873	28,733	598	276	94	12.90		4,255
January	36,101	35,662	38,003	38,047	29,353	29,615	702	302	98	12.50		4,140
February	36,582	35,804	38,629	38,734	29,566	30,169	712	337	95	13.20	591.0	4,635
March	36,379	36,164	39,012	38,581	30,520	30,859	731	355	111	13.65		5,192
April	35,662	36,217	39,821	39,516	31,637	31,323	626	332	105	13.65		n.y.a.
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	39,836	39,905	31,927	31,567	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.50		n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (f) Break in series due to change in accounting arrangements by one bank. (g) From July 1984 the continuity of this series is affected by changes in coverage. For further information see the July 1984 to September 1984 issues of *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0).

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
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Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1983-84—														
December	50,815	45,931	4,594	2,359	46,221	43,572	29,893	28,189	7,903	7,643	6,741	6,384	3,671	3,505
March	45,714	47,607	2,275	2,362	43,439	45,245	27,841	28,878	7,538	8,046	5,707	6,346	3,540	4,019
June	47,427	49,297	1,095	2,360	46,332	46,937	28,915	29,310	8,652	8,269	7,355	7,008	4,188	3,637
1984-85—														
September	48,885	50,074	1,399	2,247	47,486	47,827	29,647	29,928	8,576	8,726	6,683	6,739	3,816	4,060
December	56,761	51,095	5,170	2,345	51,591	48,750	32,398	30,592	9,028	8,743	7,627	7,227	4,283	4,104
March	49,863	52,758	1,681	2,395	48,182	50,363	30,420	31,683	8,301	8,860	6,467	7,080	4,554	5,174
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1983-84—														
December	35,802	32,119	3,949	2,181	31,853	29,938	20,902	19,684	5,307	5,180	4,755	4,520	2,431	2,320
March	31,233	32,550	1,999	2,110	29,234	30,440	19,123	19,877	5,126	5,417	4,045	4,484	2,324	2,639
June	31,583	33,171	1,108	2,165	30,475	31,006	19,645	19,875	5,646	5,401	5,087	4,848	2,690	2,336
1984-85—														
September	32,529	33,179	1,486	1,957	31,043	31,222	19,818	20,043	5,575	5,668	4,563	4,589	2,447	2,603
December	37,776	33,805	4,072	2,055	33,704	31,750	21,500	20,262	5,736	5,606	5,105	4,860	2,709	2,596
March	32,060	33,988	1,541	2,086	30,519	31,902	19,792	20,670	5,302	5,597	4,310	4,709	2,869	3,260
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
					Companies		Other							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1983-84—														
December	7,164	7,332	6,906	6,890	6,307	5,432	13,408	10,469	25,383	24,312	3,370	15,634	5,648	38,739
March	7,638	7,748	6,982	7,111	5,628	6,378	10,273	10,797	23,844	24,524	1,169	13,365	7,102	31,276
June	8,186	8,238	7,372	7,223	6,019	6,171	8,924	10,937	25,932	25,961	6	16,071	10,865	31,144
1984-85—														
September	9,750	9,335	7,969	8,021	6,127	6,170	10,719	11,116	26,030	26,379	277	15,187	7,102	34,392
December	9,063	9,284	7,779	7,848	7,392	6,423	15,126	11,489	27,939	26,881	3,795	17,661	6,878	42,517
March	9,054	9,222	7,870	8,133	5,952	6,756	10,847	12,054	26,104	27,055	469	15,643	7,433	34,784

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

Month	CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ( '000)						UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ( '000)						JOB VACANCIES ( '000)
	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1983-84—													
March	4,457.1	4,434.2	2,748.2	2,691.5	7,205.3	7,125.7	380.0	212.1	108.9	404.7	296.3	701.0	
April	4,422.2	4,430.7	2,733.5	2,723.9	7,155.8	7,154.6	364.3	207.7	104.8	385.6	291.2	676.7	
May	4,421.5	4,427.9	2,706.1	2,698.9	7,127.5	7,126.8	356.5	192.7	87.8	382.2	254.8	637.0	34.8
June	4,417.2	4,438.8	2,715.7	2,723.6	7,132.8	7,162.4	349.7	189.5	94.9	375.0	259.1	634.1	
1984-85—													
July	4,422.3	4,435.3	2,699.5	2,712.3	7,121.8	7,147.6	339.9	175.3	80.4	357.8	237.8	595.7	
August	4,393.9	4,435.5	2,673.0	2,701.3	7,066.9	7,136.8	359.0	165.1	80.5	381.5	223.1	604.6	37.6
September	4,435.8	4,422.4	2,758.4	2,735.7	7,194.2	7,158.1	349.1	168.9	103.3	376.8	244.5	621.3	
October	4,402.2	4,413.3	2,721.2	2,721.4	7,123.4	7,134.7	326.1	163.6	89.1	351.2	227.7	578.8	
November	4,397.2	4,427.0	2,740.2	2,736.1	7,137.4	7,163.1	321.4	166.9	83.0	341.1	230.2	571.3	39.8
December	4,462.6	4,416.1	2,788.1	2,744.6	7,250.7	7,160.7	345.3	181.8	100.0	375.1	252.1	627.1	
January	4,433.3	4,424.3	2,661.7	2,759.4	7,095.0	7,183.7	376.2	196.4	84.9	404.9	252.7	657.6	
February	4,462.9	4,432.0	2,787.0	2,785.3	7,249.9	7,217.2	369.0	207.4	97.2	390.4	283.2	673.6	55.0
March	4,470.5	4,447.8	2,835.7	2,778.7	7,306.2	7,226.5	362.7	193.7	115.3	389.7	282.0	671.7	
April	4,418.7	4,425.9	2,760.3	2,751.5	7,179.0	7,177.3	336.1	174.6	103.5	359.7	254.5	614.2	
May	4,445.6	4,450.7	2,794.5	2,786.9	7,240.0	7,237.6	331.4	172.2	104.1	361.8	245.9	607.7	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Job Vacancies, Australia, February 1984* (6231.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

#### EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)

PERSONS ( '000)

Month	Australia													
	Government													
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Common-wealth	State(b)	Local	Total	Total
1983—														
October	1,793.2	1,368.4	747.5	439.3	449.7	137.4	45.9	102.8	3,439.7	412.6	1,087.9	144.0	1,644.5	5,084.2
November	1,807.6	1,378.1	747.1	442.6	451.4	138.8	45.7	104.7	3,468.7	415.9	1,086.6	144.8	1,647.3	5,116.0
December	1,803.1	1,379.3	739.3	445.5	454.4	139.9	44.8	105.6	3,481.0	418.0	1,067.6	145.3	1,630.8	5,111.8
January	1,753.2	1,339.7	730.7	431.8	430.7	134.7	43.7	102.8	3,375.1	417.4	1,031.6	143.3	1,592.4	4,967.5
February	1,782.4	1,367.0	739.3	441.4	437.4	137.0	44.3	104.5	3,426.6	420.1	1,059.5	147.3	1,626.8	5,053.4
March	1,796.5	1,374.0	743.6	443.1	441.6	138.6	44.8	107.1	3,434.0	422.1	1,084.2	149.1	1,655.4	5,089.4
April	1,799.1	1,370.0	747.9	447.8	448.2	138.9	45.5	107.6	3,427.0	421.7	1,091.1	151.5	1,664.2	5,104.9
May	1,787.4	1,369.3	758.3	450.3	451.4	139.3	46.2	108.9	3,461.2	422.3	1,081.8	152.8	1,656.8	5,111.1
June	1,806.3	1,378.1	756.7	448.5	451.2	136.5	46.8	108.6	3,453.9	419.5	1,105.1	154.3	1,678.9	5,132.8
1984—														
July	1,822.1	1,386.6	762.2	448.4	454.9	139.5	47.1	108.6	3,491.1	420.3	1,103.6	154.2	1,678.1	5,169.2
August	1,828.5	1,393.3	767.6	450.7	457.3	139.5	47.1	108.8	3,512.3	421.6	1,104.4	154.5	1,680.5	5,192.8
September	1,825.9	1,403.5	766.7	447.5	456.7	137.5	47.4	107.4	3,515.8	421.0	1,101.6	154.3	1,676.6	5,192.8
October	1,832.9	1,426.0	770.9	452.3	463.1	141.1	49.5	110.2	3,562.4	423.6	1,106.0	153.9	1,683.6	5,246.0
November	1,834.3	1,433.4	773.4	454.6	467.5	143.2	49.4	111.6	3,588.1	425.9	1,100.2	153.2	1,679.3	5,267.4
December	1,835.8	1,429.4	769.0	456.3	464.4	142.6	49.0	110.6	3,593.8	427.0	1,083.4	152.9	1,663.3	5,257.1

(a) New Series. Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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